

# 2025

Half-Year Report

January 2025 – June 2025



# Program/Impact Statistics

**12 policy briefs**

and several national and state-level fiscal analyses were published.



**21 success stories**

documented and

**66 community**  
needs addressed.

## Media Reach



**7 million**  
via radio



**41 newspaper**  
mentions



**2 TV**  
features



**28 online**  
print articles



**97**  
media  
engagements  
overall.

**1,645**

projects tracked,



**177**

town halls held and

**450**

advocacy letters  
submitted.



**200**



Primary Healthcare  
Centres mapped in  
Kaduna, with

**143**

revitalisation  
projects tracked  
and

**24,000**

citizen feedback  
entries collected.



Over **3,835** Community Champions mobilised nationwide.

**5,000 Primary  
Healthcare**

Centres profiled across 32  
states and the FCT.



**60,000**



citizens reached with  
civic education on  
fiscal governance.

The Climate Fellowship  
cohort was launched,  
attracting over

**198,000** **Climate  
Change**  
participants.



One documentary, "Beyond the Wells",  
was released, and more than

**25 town hall**

meetings on natural resource  
governance were conducted.



Launch of BIMi, BudgIT's AI  
ChatBot, with AI training sessions  
for Tracka officers and champions.



**15k new followers**

across all platforms (X, Threads,  
Instagram, and Facebook) in 2025  
as date.



# Introduction

Between January and July 2025, BudgIT continued its commitment to advancing fiscal transparency, strengthening institutional accountability, and deploying innovative civic technology solutions. The period was marked by strategic engagements with governance actors, the expansion of partnerships across key sectors, and the rollout of new initiatives that deepened citizen participation. In parallel, BudgIT continued to refine its use of data and technology, reinforcing its position as a trusted accountability partner while laying the groundwork for greater impact in the months ahead.



# Key Highlights in the Reporting Period



## Research & Policy Analysis

Building on this foundation, BudgIT began the year with a series of critical outputs that set the tone for national and subnational conversations on fiscal accountability. At the federal level, we published the 2025 Federal Government Approved Budget Analysis, released the Budget Insertions document, and produced insights that strengthened public understanding of key fiscal issues. We also contributed to global and national policy dialogues by engaging with the IMF Article IV Consultation.

Our work also extended into the health sector, where we conducted subnational health budget analyses for Lagos and Kaduna States, and examined national health budget allocations to identify gaps and opportunities for reform. We also published a policy brief on law and compliance, reinforcing the need for stronger adherence to fiscal rules and standards across government institutions. These outputs collectively shaped national and subnational conversations, ensuring that evidence-based insights guided policy decisions. Complementing this body of work, BudgIT's visibility in the media remained strong, with 97 engagements across radio, television, newspapers, and online platforms, further amplifying our thought leadership and influence in governance reform.

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Key Highlights in the Reporting Period

## Open Government & Institutions

Our engagement with governance and institutional partners also deepened during this period. BudgIT successfully convened a two-day high-level capacity-building workshop for officials of six federal anti-corruption agencies, strengthening their capacity to enforce accountability and transparency. We actively contributed to Nigeria's Fourth Open Government Partnership (OGP) National Action Plan (NAP IV) by participating in the retreat for its drafting, ensuring citizen voices and transparency priorities were embedded in the process. To further institutional collaboration, we advanced discussions on Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), the Financial Reporting Council (FRC), the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP), and the Bureau of Public Service Reform (BPSR). At the subnational level, BudgIT published the Approved Budget Analysis for states and released the Q4 2024 State Fiscal Transparency League (SFTL) table, providing robust comparative insights into fiscal performance and transparency across Nigeria's 36 states. Regionally, we expanded our footprint through the Locally Led Development Project, holding "Pause and Reflect" sessions in Dakar and Nairobi to consolidate learning and strengthen collaboration across Africa. Additionally, BudgIT's participation at ActionAid's Financing for Development event provided an opportunity to share insights on innovative approaches to sustainable development financing. These engagements reinforced BudgIT's role as both a national and regional accountability partner, bridging the gap between citizens, institutions, and policymakers.



## Key Highlights in the Reporting Period

### Service Delivery Promotion


This momentum was equally evident in our grassroots interventions through Tracka, which remained central to our mission of strengthening community accountability. Tracka Between January and June 2025, Tracka tracked 1,645 projects, convened 177 town hall meetings, and facilitated the submission of 450 advocacy letters across communities. Our network of active community champions grew to 3,835, further strengthening the collective voice of citizens in demanding accountability from their leaders. To enhance citizen engagement and access to data, BudgIT deployed an optimised version of the new Tracka app and website, making project-tracking tools more user-friendly and accessible. To ensure inclusivity, we also introduced multilingual translations of topical budget issues, helping more citizens engage with complex fiscal information in languages they understand. In line with this, 5,000 Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs) were profiled and uploaded to the PHC portal, enabling citizens to monitor healthcare delivery in their communities.

Tracka's work also extended to deep budget scrutiny and evidence-driven advocacy. We conducted in-depth mining and analysis of the 2025 Zonal Intervention Projects (ZIPs) and Economic Recovery and Growth Projects (ERGPs), identifying gaps and strengthening citizen campaigns for transparency. These findings were amplified through the Tracka 2023/2024 Report, as well as through our ongoing Did You Know? A vlog series that simplified budget and governance issues for a broader audience. Our advocacy also resonated at strategic platforms. During the Democracy Day Campaign on June 12, Tracka mobilised citizens to reflect on democratic accountability. We further engaged key decision-makers through a high-level meeting with the U.S. Ambassador and four Local Government Chairmen in Lagos to push for stronger local government autonomy in Nigeria. Climate governance featured strongly within Tracka's citizen outreach. We launched a Climate Fellowship Cohort that attracted over 198,000 participants and conducted Climate Championship Training for 500 students across secondary schools and tertiary institutions. These initiatives not only equipped young people with knowledge on climate governance and energy transition but also strengthened intergenerational voices in accountability campaigns.



Key Highlights in the Reporting Period

## Strengthening Health System



Progress in health accountability further demonstrated the impact of our work at both the national and subnational levels. In Kaduna State, we held strategic engagements with key stakeholders, including the Honourable Commissioner for Health and the Permanent Secretary on Primary Healthcare, to strengthen buy-in for the Social and Citizen Accountability for Primary Health Care Performance (SCAPP) project. As part of implementation, we identified and mapped 200 Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs) across 200 communities in all 23 local government areas, tracking 143 of them for revitalisation. To ensure sustainability, we trained implementing partners to operationalise the SCAPP project effectively and developed the SCAPP Engagement Guide to empower community members to hold duty bearers accountable. Citizen engagement was central to our approach, with over 24,000 feedback entries collected through the PHC portal and communicated to relevant stakeholders to drive reforms. In parallel, we commenced the profiling of 5,000 PHCs across 32 states and the FCT to provide a comprehensive assessment of performance and service delivery gaps nationwide. At the policy and advocacy level, we conducted rigorous health budget analyses at both federal and subnational levels, producing evidence that informed targeted advocacy interventions. Collaboration remained a key driver of impact, as we partnered with the Private Sector Health Alliance of Nigeria (PSHAN) to adopt and support healthcare facility improvements, while working alongside the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and Nigeria Health Watch (NHW) to amplify systemic reforms.

## Key Highlights in the Reporting Period

## Natural Resource and Climate Governance



Our work in natural resources and climate governance also advanced meaningfully through a combination of research, advocacy, community engagement, and policy dialogue. A key highlight was the production of the Beyond the Wells documentary, which shed light on the impact of the Host Communities Development Trust (HCDDT) and amplified the voices of oil-producing communities. To further ground this work in community realities, BudgIT, through Tracka and in collaboration with Publish What You Pay (PWYP), hosted over 25 town hall meetings across the host communities. The first series of these engagements impacted more than 350 men and women, creating platforms for citizens to articulate development needs and demand accountability. Additional town halls were also held in secondary schools and universities, sensitising young people on climate change and energy transition, and equipping the next generation with knowledge for sustainable governance.

Beyond grassroots engagement, BudgIT facilitated high-level dialogues to shape policy and strengthen institutional capacity. In partnership with PWYP, we convened a stakeholder roundtable on renewable energy that brought together policymakers,

civil society, and private sector actors to advance inclusive energy transition strategies. We also led stakeholder engagement sessions on climate budgeting, designed to foster transparency and inclusivity in climate financing decisions. Complementing these efforts, we published four policy briefs that provided actionable recommendations on extractive governance, sustainability, and climate finance. Capacity building remained integral to our approach. Working closely with partners in oil-producing regions, BudgIT conducted training workshops for members of the Board of Trustees, Management Committee, and Advisory Committee of the HCDDT. These trainings enhanced participants' ability to represent their communities effectively, and recipients have since applied the knowledge to improve the equitable distribution of benefits through HCDDT structures. Our media campaigns further amplified these efforts, ensuring that critical issues reached broader audiences. We executed eight radio campaigns on the Host Communities Development Fund (HCDF), four radio campaigns spotlighting the policy gaps and impacts of gas flaring, and secured three television features alongside three radio interviews.



## Key Highlights in the Reporting Period

### AI & Data for Governance



Innovation remained a defining feature of BudgIT's approach. The AI & Data Unit successfully launched BIMl, BudgIT's AI-powered chatbot, which is now being leveraged to improve citizen engagement and budget data accessibility. We also hosted Lagos Open Data Day, convening stakeholders to discuss transparency and open governance. Recognising the transformative power of technology in media, we began engaging students on the use of AI for journalism, with sessions already held at the University of Abuja and Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. To strengthen our civic tech footprint, we trained community champions and Tracka state officers on AI prompt engineering using BIMl, equipping them with tools to enhance project tracking and advocacy. We further consolidated our leadership in civic data by publishing both quantitative and qualitative datasets on the State of States dashboard, ensuring accessibility and usability for citizens, journalists, and policymakers. To deepen knowledge-sharing, we published over seven blog posts on AI and its applications in governance. On the global stage, BudgIT's innovation was showcased when we attended the Digital Rights and Inclusion Forum (DRIF) in Zambia, where we held a live tech demo of BIMl, positioning us as a forward-looking civic organisation that integrates data, technology, and citizen engagement.

Our institutional strengthening efforts ensured stability and positioned us for greater impact. During the reporting period, we relocated our Lagos office, advanced work on the 2024 annual audit, fulfilled statutory obligations, and secured the second tranche of funding under RoLAC II. The recruitment of new staff and interns expanded our capacity, enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of program delivery.

# Challenges

While progress was significant, the first half of the year also came with challenges. Staff turnover created temporary gaps in critical roles, requiring adjustments to workload and program timelines. Financial reporting and audit processes experienced delays, affecting the timely closure of some grants. Resource limitations restricted the expansion of certain programs to all target regions, while bureaucratic bottlenecks slowed the conclusion of donor-funded projects such as the WEE Policy Catalyst Fund. Additionally, ongoing legal proceedings involving Tracka diverted time and resources from program activities.



# Looking Ahead (July – December 2025)

In the second half of 2025, BudgIT will focus on consolidating its achievements and scaling its impact across key thematic areas. Our priorities include publishing the Mid-Year Budget Review, expanding the dissemination of simplified fiscal tools, and strengthening Tracka's reach through deeper collaboration with anti-graft institutions. We will advance health accountability by fully implementing the SCAPP project in Kaduna, broadening PHC mapping, and ensuring wider dissemination of citizen feedback to drive reforms. Climate governance initiatives will also be scaled up, with increased participation from youth and the host community in discussions on renewable energy and climate financing. Also, BudgIT will launch the Women Economic Empowerment (WEE) Report across all 36 states and release the 10th edition of the State of States Report, providing critical insights into a decade of subnational fiscal performance.



